



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term is coming to an end. The Stoats class have had help from Miss Buchanan, a student teacher who has been working with groups and taking whole classes this half term. She will continue with us for a few more weeks after half term. Miss Harrington, another student teacher, will be joining Elephant class on the first Monday after half term for a 4 week placement, before returning in the Spring term for a longer placement. We look forward to welcoming her to Rothbury.

The children have all settled back into their new classes well and are continuing to follow our hand-washing and sanitising routines: an ongoing part of school life. They are now ready to enjoy their first school party for some time - celebrating Halloween. It has caused quite a lot of excitement since its announcement. Thank you to the PTA.

COVID CONTINGENCY PLANS

We are still currently working in unpredictable times and we will continue to follow government guidance and amend our risk assessments accordingly to keep your child as safe as we possibly can in school. This means that we may need to revert back to previous systems at short notice. This may include staggered starts and separate bubbles. If the case numbers rise significantly in the community, we may need to ask you to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting your child from school. We appreciate your support with this.

Please find attached a link to the latest government guidance regarding what to do if you or your child has symptoms or believe that you may be a close contact.

If we have a confirmed case in school, we will inform parents of children in the affected class/es so you are aware and can be vigilant of any symptoms your child may develop. You can find more information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to have our face to face parents' evening recently, to tell everyone how well their children are settling into their new classes. If you were unable to make it and would like a phone call instead please call the office to arrange a telephone appointment.

HARVEST

At last we were able to invite parents into school to have a look around the classrooms at our staggered Harvest Sale on Wednesday, which was very successful. All of the produce and crafts that the children had made were sold and we were able to raise a much needed £99 for school funds. Thank you also to everyone who sent in donations for the local food bank, we have collected a huge amount of packets tins and boxes of food which we will take to the Alnwick food bank.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are trialling a Breakfast Club next half term, starting on 1st November. If you would like to book a place please call the office. Each session starts at 8 a.m. and costs £2.

WINTER WEATHER: As the weather is beginning to get colder, could you please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES: If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

TIMETABLE FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Monday	Elephant Class - Cricket until 22 November Dolphin Class - PE
Tuesday	Dolphin Class - Forest School
Wednesday	Elephant Class - Outdoor Science with Mrs Walton Stoats and Monkeys - Swimming (Wed 10th Nov - Wed 8th Dec)
Thursday	Stoats and Monkeys- PE
Friday	Elephant Class - PE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 1st November	Elephants Cricket (week 1 of 4) Lessons only. No club.
Monday 1st November	Fire Service visit (Bonfire night safety) all year groups
Tuesday 2nd November	Visit to Rothbury Library Y1/2
Thurs 4th November	Trident soccer (week 1 of 5)
Tuesday 9th November	Visit to Rothbury Library Y3/4
Monday 15th November	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 16th November	Visit to Rothbury Library EYFS
Thursday 9th December	Author visit for all year groups
Tuesday 14th December	School Christmas parties
Wednesday 15th December	Dolphins and Elephants Outdoor Christmas carols
Thursday 16th December	Stoats and Monkeys Outdoor Christmas carols Christmas lunch
Friday 17th December	Christmas jumper day

Thank you for your continued support. We would both like to wish you a happy half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November.

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